Members of the Consultative Committee and of the Standing Finance Committee of the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation, etc. for which a free mailing list is maintained in the Department of Statistics. The NSS reports and survey data are also supplied to data users on magnetic media for which specific guidelines are prescribed. Thus the Government does not share the view that the possessive instinct on the part of the Department of Statistics is causing under-utilisation of NSS reports/survey data.

(b) Does not arise.

Growth rate of foodgrains production

3914. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the year-wise growth rates of foodgrains production (Agriculture), industrial and service sector during the last five years and their percentage in GDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH):

1. Growth rates of various sectors of economy (in percentage)

	Item	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	Foodgrains production	6.6	2.7	3.9	-3.4	3.8
2.	GDP in agriculture and allied activities	6.1	3.6	4.6	-0.1	3.7
3.	GDP in industries	4.2	6.8	9.4	11.6	8.7
4.	GDP in services	5.5	7.3	7.5	8.8	7.4
5.	Total GDP	5.3	6.0	7.2	7.1	6.8

2. Contribution of sectors as a percentage of GDP

	Sectors	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	Agriculture and allied activities	30.2	29.5	28.8	26.9	26.1
2.	Industries	29.1	29.3	29.9	31.1	31.7
3.	Services	40.7	41.2	41.3	42.0	42.2
4.	Total GDP	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

NOTE: 1. Agriculture and allied activities include agriculture livestock, forestry and fishing

2. Industries includes mining, manufacturing, construction and electricity.

Impact of amendment in formula of Dr. Lakdawala Committee

3915. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of the people living below the poverty line has nearly doubled following the amendment by the Planning Commission in the formula suggested by the Committee headed by Dr. Lakdawala;

(b) if so, the details as regards basis, etc. of the said increase; and

(c) its likely impact on the grants, share of taxes etc. admissible to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (b) Following the recently adopted official methodology based on the report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor. 35.97 per cent of the total population is estimated to live below the poverty line in 1993-94. The estimate

of the percentage of people living below the poverty line for the same year is worked out as 16.82 per cent on the basis of the methodoloy outlined in the report of the Task Force on Projections of Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand.

(c) The estimates of poverty based on official methodology changes the allocation to the State on those counts which use the number of poor as a criterion for allocation.

Wastage of money by academic Institution

3916. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain academic institutions which took crores of rupees to pursue research activities have practically achieved nothing even after lapse of almost three years and have been asking for more funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof, institution-wise amount of funds and the manner in which funds were utilised;

(c) what is the Government's reaction with regard to the functioning of these academic institutions; and

(d) whether Government propose to allocate more funds to these institutions, stating the amount to be allocated and the reasons therefor, in view of there performance and achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No, Sir. The output of the Institutions supported under the Scheme of Grant-in-aid to Universities/ Research Institutions is regularly monitored.

(b) to (d) do not arise.

Decline in job opportunities for women after liberalisation

3917. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether job opportunities declined after the liberalisation as per survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation;

(b) whether it had an adverse effect on the interests of women as it could give them only short term employment, instead of permanent employment;

(c) whether the number of job seeking women had gone up during the period; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to solve their employment problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) According to data available from last two surveys, namely, 48th (1987-88) and 50th (1993-94) Rounds of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), Unemployment Rates for Male and Female in Rural and Urban areas have been as under:

	1987-88			1993-94		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Unemployment Rate						
UPS Rural	2.87	3.52	3.07	1.96	1.40	1.79
Urban	6.07	8.77	6.56	4.54	8.21	5.21
Total	3.60	4.19	3.77	2.60	2.44	2.56
CDS Rural	4.58	6.91	5.25	5.64	5.55	5.61
Urban	8.79	12.00	9.36	6.72	10.52	7.43
Total	5.54	7.61	6.09	5.91	6.33	6.03

Note: UPS - Usual Principal Status.
CDS - Current Daily Status.